

SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF ACCESSING NETWORK RESOURCES

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention provides methods and systems for utilizing non-ICANN compliant top-level domain (TLD) names. In one embodiment of the present invention, client-based address conversion software is used to intercept a requested Internet address having a non-ICANN compliant TLD. The address conversion software then appends an extension, including at least an ICANN-compliant TLD, to the end of an Internet address. Further, one embodiment of the present invention is operable with proxy servers. In addition, an email address conversion method and system is provided that intercepts emails whose recipient address includes a non-standard TLD and appends at least a standard TLD thereto. When an email is received, including a sender's email address with a domain having a predetermined ICANN compliant TLD, at least the predetermined TLD is stripped from the sender's email address for display.

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